

**Public Notice**  
**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Lima Area**

**Allen County**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, (Ohio EPA) is requesting that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) revise the current maintenance plan for the Lima Area which includes Allen County, with respect to the 1997 eight-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). Ohio EPA submitted a redesignation request and maintenance plan for this area on June 20, 2006. Subsequently, U.S. EPA approved this request on May 25, 2007 (72 FR 27648). Air quality monitoring data collected in the region demonstrated attainment of the NAAQS and there was evidence that the improved air quality is due to permanent, enforceable emission reductions. In addition, existing requirements are sufficient to maintain the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard in this area throughout the maintenance period.

Ohio EPA is now requesting a revision to the maintenance plan to update mobile emission projections and conformity budgets based on emission rates generated from U.S. EPA's latest mobile emissions model, the Motor Vehicle Emission Simulation (MOVES) 2010. In December 2009, MOVES replaced MOBILE6.2 as the U.S. EPA's official emission factor model.

These actions must be noticed to allow public comment and to satisfy U.S. EPA requirements for public involvement in SIP related activities. This notice addresses Ohio EPA's reliance on the emission projections as evidence of attainment and maintenance and the commitment to institute contingency measures if ambient exceedances or violations trigger the contingency plan requirements. Written comments will be received on or before January 3, 2013 at the following address:

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Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on this redesignation request will be conducted as follows: Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 3:00P.M., at Lima Main Library located at 650 West Market Street, Lima, Ohio.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearings and give written or oral comments on these changes. All oral comments presented at the hearing, and all written statements submitted at the hearing or to the above address by

the close of business on January 3, 2013 will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this redesignation. Written statements submitted after January 3, 2013 may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

This redesignation and maintenance request is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's Web page for electronic downloading at: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/1997.aspx>. Questions regarding accessing the web site should be directed to Arunee Niamlarb at 614-728-1342; other questions or comments about this document should be directed to either Erica Fetty, (614)-644-2310, [Erica.Fetty@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:Erica.Fetty@epa.state.oh.us) or Jennifer Dines at (614) 644-3696, [Jennifer.Dines@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:Jennifer.Dines@epa.state.oh.us) or mailed to Erica Fetty or Jennifer Dines at the above address.